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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BRITISH RAILWAYMEN.

LONDON, January 14th.
In response to a summons from Mr. Lloyd George respecting the railway situation, Sir Eric Geddes, Minister of Transport, and Sir R. S. Horne, Minister of Labour, have gone to Paris. Consequently, the conference between the railwaymen and Sir Eric Geddes fixed for January 13th has been postponed until January 15th, when Sir Eric will have returned with the Premier's views on the question.
Moreover, it is anticipated that a Cabinet meeting is being held on January 13th, and that a decision as regards the rejection of the Government's offer will be communicated on Tuesday.
It is pointed out in Government circles that if the men's full demands are conceded, the nation would have fought the autumn strike in vain, and it is regarded probable that the Government will be unable to recede from the position already taken up, while it is believed that the hostility of the branches to the terms arranged with the leaders is largely due to misapprehensions.
Meanwhile, it is noteworthy to recall that, in a recent speech at Birmingham, Mr. J. H. Thomas described the offer as an immense advance and a fair and honourable settlement, which the men ought to accept as it would end untold hardships on the great mass of the railwaymen.

DISTURBED EGYPT.

CAIRO, January 14th.
The Italians in Cairo are excited at the death of a compatriot, a musician from the Kurnal, who was killed by a blow from a pickaxe handle while endeavouring to force a cordon of British troops who were clearing a crowded crossing for the passage of a guard of honour from the station after the departure of Lord Allenby on January 13th.
Most of the orchestras refused to play last night, as a protest against the death of an Egyptian agitator, making capital of the incident, arranged a procession to the cemetery in the morning.
The Italian Consul-General, who accepted the British explanation, diverted the funeral to avoid demonstrations.
There was an Egyptian demonstration in the Kurnal at noon, when the crowd displayed the Italian flag and shouted "Down with England." "Long live Italy."

THE WORLD'S SHIPBUILDING.

Lloyd's Register shows that nearly 5,000,000 tons of shipping were being built in the United Kingdom on December 31st, an increase of 177,000 compared with September 30th, and over 1,000,000 compared with December 31st, 1918. This includes 55 vessels of 10,000 tons and upwards.
Nearly 5,000,000 tons are being built abroad, a decrease of 265,000 as compared with September 30th—owing to the decrease of 500,000 in the tonnage being built in the United States.
The world's total is nearly 8,000,000 tons, about 187,000, lower than on September 30th.

BRITISH PRISONERS IN RUSSIA.

COPENHAGEN, January 14th.
Mr. Litvinoff, interviewed by Reuter, said that an agreement had been reached in principle with Mr. O'Grady. A definite compact now depends upon whether Britain can persuade the Archangel Government to release certain Bolshevik prisoners. Immediate release of the British wounded depends on the liberation of these Bolsheviks.
The majority of British women interned in Russia have already been liberated on Mr. Litvinoff's representations, while Mr. O'Grady urged the British Government to release certain Russians in London.

GERMAN ADMIRAL'S INDISCRETION.

BERLIN, January 14th.
The resignation of Admiral Meurer, commanding the Baltic Fleet, has been accepted, following Admiral Meurer's New Year Order of the Day describing the glorious deed of the scuttling of the "Scapa Flow," handed over through a disgraceful breach of contract, and demanding revenge.

DUBLIN SENSATION.

LONDON, January 14th.
The Times Dublin correspondent says that a sensation has been caused there by the summary dismissal of Sir Joseph Byrne, Inspector-General, Royal Irish Constabulary.

CANADIAN LABOUR'S DEMANDS.

OTTAWA, January 14th.
In an interview with the Canadian Government, Labour Officials requested legislation establishing an eight-hour day and a 44-hour week.
They demanded for all workers the right of organization and the recognition of the principle of collective bargaining, assistance in the formation of co-operative societies, revision of the machinery for arbitration in industrial disputes, limitation of Oriental immigration, reduction of the permanent Canadian military forces and representation of workers on the Managing Board of Government Railways.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, January 14th.
The situation is increasingly serious at Irkutsk, where there are 8,000 anti-Bolshevik insurgents. They are being constantly reinforced and, armed with machine guns and aeroplanes, the insurgents are holding up the town. It is understood that General Semenov, who is westward of Chita, has appealed for the help of a Japanese Division.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

WASHINGTON, January 14th.
President Wilson, in a message to the Democratic National Committee, declares that the only way to determine the will of the American people regarding the League of Nations is to make it the issue in the next election.

AGAINST PRESIDENT WILSON.

WASHINGTON, January 14th.
Mr. Bryan, addressing the Democratic National Committee, at a banquet at Jackson Ray, at which President Wilson's message was read, opposed President Wilson on the question of taking the League issue next election, declaring that the Democratic Party must accept the compromise necessary to secure the ratification of the Peace Treaty.

STRIA.

LONDON, January 14th.
The Morning Post says that news has been received in London from Cairo that the Syrian National Volunteers held up a train on which General Gouraud's Chief of Staff was travelling, on the Beirut-Damascus line, and removed him to the mountains.
It is assumed the Chief of Staff was proceeding to Damascus to investigate the Baidak fight, when he was kidnapped.

FURTHER "WILLY-NICKY" LETTERS.

LONDON, January 14th.
The Morning Post publishes further "Willy-Nicky" correspondence. The ex-Kaiser, on December 4th, 1903, gives information of the clandestine arming of Chinese by Japanese as "signals from the Admiral of the Pacific to the Admiral of the Pacific."
On January 14th, 1904, he encloses English Press articles on the German Navy and Russia's policy to illustrate the "odious incomprehensible hypocrisy of English."
He says: "Korea must and will be Russian, but when and how concerns only and your country." On January 19th, 1904, he says: "The Japanese will listen to reason, notwithstanding the frantic efforts of the Vile Press of a certain country."

FLYING TO AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, January 14th.
The Australasian, Lieutenants Farrar and Macintosh, departed to-day from Hounslow on aeroplane D 59 for Australia.

THE MOULDERS' STRIKE.

LONDON, January 14th.
The results of the moulders' ballot concerning the settlement shows that 18,718 are against the acceptance of the terms and 5,631 are for the acceptance.

THE LABOUR PARTY.

LONDON, January 14th.
Mr. Arthur Henderson, speaking at Widnes, repudiated the suggested alliance of the Labour and Liberal Parties on the ground that such alliances spelled a compromise, while Labour stood for principles which did not admit of a compromise.

LICENCING REFERENDUM.

WILLINGBORO, N.Z., January 14th.
The result of the Licensing Referendum showed: for the continuation of the present laws 24,000 votes; for State purchase and control, 25,000; for Prohibition, 270,000.
Consequently the absolute majority, which is necessary to carry any change, was not obtained and the present licensing system continues.

COMING MARATHON RACE.

A Marathon Race under the auspices of the Hongkong Boxing Association, is announced for Feb. 7. A course has been mapped out which will carry the competitors along Causeway Road, Pokfulam Road, Jubilee Road, back to the centre of the City. In this respect it differs from the event of a couple of years ago when Shaikwan was the turning point. The idea of the present course is to avoid as much as possible the tramway track. The fine open roads of the west side of the island should provide plenty of room for runners and followers without inconvenience to the regular traffic of the City. The race will be a good test of endurance as there is quite an amount of hill work to be negotiated. Entries for the event should be sent to the Secretary, Hongkong Boxing Association.

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NEW SOLICITOR ADMITTED.

MR. MICHAEL HOWARD TURNER.

In the Supreme Court, this morning, before the Chief Justice, application was made for the approval, admission and enrolment of Mr. Michael Howard Turner to practise as a Solicitor in the Courts of Hongkong.

The Hon. Attorney General in making the application, said that this was an application for the approval, admission and enrolment of Michael, Howard Turner to practise as a solicitor in these Honourable Courts. Mr. Turner asked for four exemptions, viz.—certificate of fitness and character, certificate of proof that his admission in London was still in force, four months' notice to the Hongkong Law Society and four months' notice to the Registrar.

Reading an affidavit by applicant the Attorney General said that Mr. Turner was articled to Messrs. Loughboro and Gedge of Austin Friars, London, but before he received his certificate of admission he proceeded to Canada to take up an appointment in Winnipeg and therefore had not obtained his certificate of fitness and character. There he received a certificate enabling him to practise as a solicitor on the King's Bench Manitoba. Shortly after he arrived in Canada the war broke out and he immediately joined the Forces and proceeded to England, thence to France, where he served throughout the war.

His Lordship—He seems to have lost no time in joining up.

The Attorney General—No, My Lord.
Proceeding, the Attorney General said that Mr. Turner had an interview with Mr. Looker, at Home, and in consequence of that arrived in Hongkong recently, to join the firm of Messrs Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston. The Law Society and the Registrar had expressed their willingness to waive the matter of the usual four months' notice. A further affidavit was read, as to identification, filed by Mr. J. Scott Harston.

His Lordship—Certainly the photograph bears some resemblance. I understand that Mr. Turner, immediately after passing his final examination proceeded to Canada so that he would not have taken out a certificate to practise in England?

The Attorney General—Yes, my Lord.

His Lordship—If I make the order for admission it will be necessary that he shall have a certificate to show that his admission is still in force. I may say at once that although through no fault of Mr. Turner's, it appears to be rather extraordinary that these formalities, necessary for the admission of a solicitor in Hongkong, were not put before him by Mr. Looker, who, I believe, was president of the Law Society here. Some amendments were made to the ordinance at the suggestion of the Law Society and it appears to me that either the ordinance should be complied with or it should be repealed. I shall make the order subject to the necessary documents being forthcoming. In the meantime, I must ask the Attorney General to be good enough to recommend to the Law Society that it should point out in future that the requirements of the ordinance must be complied with or I shall recommend the Government that they be taken off the statute book. Mr. Turner, I have much pleasure in admitting you to practise in these Courts. You have been actively engaged for a period of about five years in serving your country. That in itself shows the grit you are made of and I doubt not that it augurs well for your future as a solicitor. I have much pleasure in admitting you.
Mr. Turner—Thank you, my Lord.

DIPLOMATIC COURIER SHOT.

MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR ON RUSSIAN SHIP AT DOVER.

A certificate found on the dead man, showing that he was a diplomatic courier travelling from Omsk/Siberia, to Denmark, was produced at the inquest held at Dover on Otto Goldschmidt, who was found shot on the liner "Mittau."

This certificate had been issued by the acting Danish Minister at Omsk. Goldschmidt was a first-class passenger on the Russian East Asiatic liner "Mittau," and was shot in his cabin. The inquest was adjourned for a fortnight for evidence from the ship, which had proceeded to Newcastle.

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NEWS FROM HOME.

CHINA'S INDUSTRIAL FUTURE.

(From Our Own Correspondent)
LONDON, Dec. 1.

We had an interesting evening at
the China Society, when Prof. Middle-
ton Smith of the Hongkong University
lectured on industrial China. The
Chinese Minister was a very excellent
chairman, and there was a large at-
tendance.

The Professor first of all paid a
very high tribute to Sir Charles Elliot,
and then proceeded to describe some
of his observations during seven years
in the East. The progress of the
Chinese in the Straits Settlements
showed that if only they had suited
government they could take advantage
of their opportunities.

I paid the usual testimony to the
honour of the best type of Chinese
merchant "whose word is as good as
his bond." At present the tide of
scientific progress was sweeping round
the world and it had gone beyond the
shores of China. The steamship,
the cable and the Suez Canal had
exercised powerful influences in this
direction.

Describing England as the work-
shop of the world, the Professor went
on to extol the natural resources of
China and he argued that with co-
operation between the British and the
Chinese the one could supply the
other and there would be wonderful
developments that would benefit the
whole world.

The Chinese as an artisan, he said,
is entitled to great respect, and he
spoke of a Chinese mechanic who was
employed in a Hongkong works where
he saved some money. Then he went
to Canton, built an engine from
memory, then made a lathe for the
engine to drive and then began to
turn out engines for other people.

Once the skill of the Chinese work-
man was properly trained and utilised
there were great possibilities in the
country. He entirely disbelieved in
the Yellow Peril—either in the mili-
tary or the economic sense.

What was needed was co-operation
between the Chinese and the British.
If that were secured more extensively
there would be great progress in the
next few years.

With regard to the education of the
young Chinese he was in favour of
their being taught, at least up to
the graduate stage, in col-
leges established in the East, so
that the shock of change in their
impressionable years should not be
too great. He gave an instance of
a Chinese friend who came to him
and said he would place his second
son at the Hongkong University in-
stead of sending him, like his eldest
son, to Europe. His eldest son had
come home after nine years' absence
and did not like things at home. The
Chinese father was distressed when
the son turned round on him and said

and said, "I say, old bean, you
mustn't go on like that you know."

"I believe," the Professor de-
clared, "that it is possible that the
development of China will be more
rapid than many people think. Manu-
facturers should take advantage of the
experience of merchants who have
been out there for years, but should
also have technical men on the spot
to keep machinery going, so that dis-
appointments would be fewer and
more machines would be ordered."

The Chinese Minister at the close
of the lecture expressed agreement
with the Professor on the importance
of co-operation. He added "I think
it is wrong for us to think too much
of the past. We would be much bet-
ter employed in doing more in our
own days." He spoke enthusiastically
of the inducements offered to
Chinese students in America and
hoped more would be done in that
direction in England.

Sir Charles Addis chafed the lec-
turer on his "robust optimism, and
regretted that he could not altogether
share it, for, said he, "I have been
told ever since I went to China that
we were on the eve of remarkable
developments." There was a doubt
in his mind as to whether rapid devel-
opment in China was a thing really
to be desired. England's industrial
expansion took place most prominent-
ly in the last two-thirds of the last
century. Every honest student of
commercial history knew that it was
accomplished at the price of much
physical and moral degradation of a
large section of the people, and most
of all of the women and children. A
whole series of factory acts have had
to be passed to protect them. For-
eign trade was only a means to an
end—that the country could obtain
things it could not produce or only
at a greater effort than in another
country. The only advantage to a
nation in foreign trade lies in the com-
parative cost of necessities. That
was a severe test for an agricultural
country like China, which produced
within her own borders not only the
finest cloth in her silks and furs,
but the finest food in rice, and the
finest beverage in tea.

The danger lay not in wanting more
foreign things but in wanting the right
things. It was a matter of educa-
tion, and as to that, he agreed with
the Professor. He believed that the
growth and expansion of the trade of
China had been mixed up with the
missionary movement—an indebted-
ness, people in this country had not
always been ready to acknowledge.

As to the students, no one could
regard the situation in Europe with
satisfaction. The student came to
another civilisation, the old moral
sanction was suspended, and he was
in a position of extreme moral dan-
ger. Until there were proper hostels
where these comparatively callow
youths could be cared for—and they
were a long way from that yet—it
would be wise to think of the univer-

HIGHWAY ROBBERY IN
IRELAND.

\$14,000 STOLEN FROM BANK
IN NAGERS.

Two highway robberies took place
near Knocknagare, Co. Cork, recently.
Bank managers of the National and
the Munster and Leinster Banks re-
spectively, travelling in motors, were
held up by armed men and robbed
of between \$15,000 and \$20,000—
one message states that the amount
was \$18,200.

A fair was held in Knocknagare,
where there is no bank, and the
managers travelled to the village
from Cork, the one in a motor-cycle
and the other in a motor-car,
with large sums of money and
valuables. At a deserted part of the
road a number of armed men con-
fronted the motor-cycle and threaten-
ing the driver, an assistant at the
bank, with revolvers, ordered him to
stop. Both the manager and the assis-
tant were then bound and gagged and
hidden among some bushes, and the
money and valuables were taken.
The other manager was similarly
treated. The "highwaymen" then
escaped and have not been captured.

sities in China.

Sir Richard Dane paid a tribute to
the co-operation of the Chinese with
their foreign colleagues in the ad-
ministration of the salt gabelle.

In reply, Professor Middleton Smith
got in some neat jests at the expense
of those who had spoken. Sir Charles
Addis, he said, evidently wished to
be considered a pessimist. But the
facts were against him, for he was a
Governor of the Bank of England and
any man who could remain in that
position with the present war debt fac-
ing him must be an optimist at heart.

As to the self-contained condition
of China, he was content to be con-
sidered "a griffin," as one speaker
had called him, so it was possible
after he had lived many more years
in the country he might even come
to the conclusion that rice was the
most delightful food.

No doubt the missionaries had done
all that Sir Charles Addis had said,
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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 13, 1920.

ADVERSARIA.

A little alcoholic rage, fresh from the men far greater and wiser than we, the moral responsibility of combating people like "Pussyfoot" Johnson does not endow us with a name, is still respectable with our people. On the gallery of a church in Norfolk are carved these words:

God give the plough
And give us good ale brew.
Be merry and glad,
With good ale was this work made.

One likes to dwell on a mind picture of the excellent and pious fellow who did that work sipping ale while Rubicund he would be with laughing eyes, and a merry heart, the sort of man about whose knees the children love to cluster, and for whose footfall the wife's ears listened eagerly. There are such men still in Norfolk, and they still drink "ale" as they call it, the Squire and the Parson not disdaining the old-fashioned evening parliament in the village inn.

Teetotal fanatics, having drawn frightful pictures of alcoholic ravages within the human system, it is a comfort to learn from less biased sources that alcoholic drinks dilate the gastric blood-vessels, cause increased secretion of gastric juice, and greater activity in the movements of the muscles of the wall of the stomach. If that isn't good, the taste is; and we have lots of respect for the man who says candidly that he doesn't take it because it is good for him but because he likes it.

Booze is almost certainly the most ancient and universal thing in history. A prehistoric Hindoo hymn sings its praises. The Egyptians of the fourth dynasty made beer from malt or red barley. The *aythya* of the Greeks was a barley brew, and the wine of the grape is older still. Pliny tells of beer in Spain and Gaul, and the tradition of Kaffir beer from millet is also ancient. *Samsu* and *sake* we know. There is no ancient people that does not seem to have discovered its own liquid comfort, for which it thanked its gods, or (in the case of the Hebrews) Father Noah.

Mr. Johnson is a paid organizer and agitator, not a fanatic. He enjoys a good cigar, and he confessed to an audience at

Birmingham: "I like beer myself." He admitted that there was a strong element of nourishment in beer, "but it only stimulates as the whole eggs on a horse." He is advocating "local option," a phrase which sounds eminently fair and reasonable and was perhaps responsible for hypnotizing the United States into its present trance of tyranny. It is less fair than it sounds, because 51 people can bully 49, and an aggressive moiety with money can override an apathetic moiety without. Somehow the killjoys always do seem to have the money. It is the money, and not the persuasive eloquence of "Pussyfoot," that British liberty is threatened by, not "Pussyfoot" but "Pussyfoot."

It has been remarked that Shanghai is more democratic than Hongkong. It may be so, but if Shanghai ways are to be inseparably associated with democracy, we shall pray to be saved from it. The Chinese want representation on the Municipal Council. It is a democratic community that is not unreasonable. No imperial problems stand in the way. It is an international, democratic Settlement. Being snubbed, and insulted with some foolish, futile arguments that we have already analysed and exposed as fit only to be conceived by mental children for mental children, they decided to try persuasion. They took the very respectable British slogan of "no taxation without representation," and refused to pay their taxes. We were then told that the Council was "stiff" and finally "adamant." We don't doubt that, especially as regards the heads. We are, however, hoping that our correspondent was in error in reporting that the Council proceeded against the defaulters criminally. Our own "passive resistance" at Home were not so treated; and if we know anything of the Chinese, it will do no good in this case. It isn't a "crime"—it is a political manoeuvre. As for the incident of the British Assessor at the Mixed Court "suspending" an American lawyer for making a contingent prophecy (something on Sir Edward Carson's lines) we are not doing the worrying. We guess Uncle Sam is big enough and strong enough to attend to that.

The Jackson case of religious intolerance has barely faded from our memories when we get the extraordinary prosecution of a Sikh as reported in yesterday's *China Mail*. Happily the poor fellow was acquitted, so we need not go over the peculiar circumstances of the case. It is sufficient to say that unless those "Orders in Council" are more discreetly used, at the northern settlement, they will stand a chance of becoming discredited altogether for Shanghai is cosmopolitan, and it has grown too big to stand what we would not tolerate at Home. Shanghai is full of people who regularly jeer at and bring into mockery the faiths of the Chinese. This is not calculated to cause breaches of the peace, because the Chinese among all people set us such a glorious example of tolerance and trust in argument and public opinion; but it is just as much within the mischief of that Order in Council as either of the two cases referred to. There seems to be something in the air of Shanghai that makes the average British resident there forget all he was ever taught of elementary principles. What are we to think of men who have the nerve to tell the Chinese they are there (i.e. in Shanghai) "on sufferance"? French's contemptible little army was in France on sufferance, but we never heard of a Frenchman saying so. As Shanghai is in China, well, there's a difference.

It was inadvertent, and not intentional, CONAN DOYLE, all when we referred to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle the other day as Mr. Doyle. Ties have been scattered about in such a wholesale way during the last lustrum that a body does not seem able to keep track of them, without diligent study that the matter is not worth. Discussing the Church Congress discussion of spiritualism, *The Referee*, which is not, we believe, a theological journal, says:

But if we come down to cold logic, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle has quite as much right to contend that we spend our time after death, discussing literature, art, the drama, and sport as the clergy have to contend that we devote ourselves for all eternity to music and song. Personally being a mean performer upon any kind of musical instrument and no vocalist, I should prefer literature and the drama, with an occasional excursion into the realms of sport.

This clipping was handed to us by a *China Mail* student. We agree with it, of course, but cannot understand why the *Referee* man should "come down" to cold logic. Most men seem to have to climb to it, and that with difficulty.

The logic of children can hardly be called cold. Here LOGIC is a story narrated by a clergyman as an actual incident. A small boy asked him if cows and bees went to heaven when they died. "Of course not," replied the clergyman, and asked why. "I had an idea that story of milk and honey in heaven was all humbug," said the simple child.

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY. Yang Tien-fa is a notorious bandit in Yunnan, and he has a large following. Hitherto he and his men have presumably not had adequate opportunities of hearing the Glad Tidings. That is why Dr. Shelton and all his friends are now rejoicing, for Yang has captured the Doctor and is holding him to ransom. Dr. Shelton will, of course, seize this golden opportunity of converting those evil men, and count the misadventure a blessing undiscussed.

In all labour controversies SOME sympathy is invited, has been kept in the dark on one essential point. The workers tell about the cost of living and their privations; the employers discount that by getting the hiring Press to mention the workers are lazy, boozers. The essential point is the ratio that should exist between profits and wages. Mr. W. G. McCoombe, formerly secretary of the U.S. Treasury, has stated that the profits of the bituminous coal operators in 1917 ran as high as 2,000 (two thousand) per cent. With that statement accepted, and the plutocrats enjoying the use of Uncle Sam's forces to intimidate the strikers, we can understand why there should be so much talk of "Bolshevism." The Russians have given the exploiters a word more blessed than Mesopotamia. It isn't Bolshevism or anything like it. It is what one would expect when an official who had access to income-tax returns reveals that these "showed earnings on capital stock ranging from fifteen per cent. to two thousand per cent. Earnings of one hundred to three hundred per cent. were not uncommon."

A reader of the *China Mail* sends in for our DEMENTAL opinion a romance in which the people of Mars, by hypnotic suggestion, are busy annexing the world by ousting human souls and themselves entering into possession of the bodies. It is an excellent idea, although not well worked out. We suggest as more plausible procedure that these desperate Martians have arranged other means for coming here, after they have hypnotized men into killing each other off. That would explain the world war satisfactorily and the apparent failure of the League of Nations, the scheme of which was the last flicker of sanity in mankind. Now we are all madder than haters.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Today's dollar is worth 5s. 1 1/2.

The Tsuchin, Tam Ho-ming again went to Lungchow on January 6.

Today's return of communicable disease shows that one British and one American resident were down with typhoid fever (enteric).

Surg-Lieut. H. W. Fitzroy Williams, of the Naval Hospital, Hongkong, has been transferred to H.M.S. "Widgeon." Surg-Lieut. Commr. A. A. Sanders, M.B., succeeds him.

It is stated that a new Superintendent of the Salt Revenue Bureau of Canton is to be appointed and the name of Tsang-Yin, the late Treasurer of Canton, is mentioned in this connection.

A big fire occurred in Nanning in the early morning on January 4 when more than 40 shops were burnt down. The fire raged for four hours and the loss of property was considerable.

The Rev. R. G. Lindsay of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon will conduct the monthly meeting of the Mother's Union at the Helena May Institute on Tuesday 20th inst. at 5 p.m.

A message from Nanning states that General Luk Wing-ting is now slightly better. The President, Hsu Shi-chang, sent a doctor to attend to General Luk as soon as the President learned of the General's illness.

The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., has kindly consented to distribute the Prizes to the pupils at the Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians on Saturday next, at noon. All interested in Education are cordially invited to attend.

H.E. the Governor is to entertain all officers, non-commissioned officers and men, who have served at any of the fronts and have now returned to the Colony, at a Garden Party at Government House on February 7.

As a sequel to the recent fires in Canton the Kung On Insurance Company, and two other insurance companies have suspended business. The insurance rates have been increased from \$20 to \$25 for \$1,000 in consequence.

Sung Yuen-yun, the leader of the revolution in Fukien, has been committed to leave Fukien. Sung, who is a member of the Canton Parliament, has been asked to attend the Constitutional Convention in Canton, but he is going to Shanghai.

Mr. G. T. M. Edkins, of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, and Mrs. Edkins came down from Shanghai by the *Nanking* on a short visit to the Colony. Mr. J. de B. Lancaster was amongst those who returned to the Colony yesterday by the same steamer.

The Canton authorities have received reports from the Linshan district that the principal city in the district was raided on January 6 by a gang of about 300 bandits, who have now established themselves there. The Magistrate was away from the city at the time. All the local officials have fled.

Sir Stewart Lockhart, C.M.G., Commissioner of Weihai-wei, having left the Territory on leave of absence, Mr. A. P. Blount assumed the Administration of the Territory on December 22. Captain A. C. M. Binn has been appointed to act as Senior District Officer and Registrar of Births and Deaths for the Territory.

A petition, signed by many young ladies who are supporters of women suffrage—a movement recently launched in Canton—was presented to members of the Constitutional Convention on Monday. The petition demands: M.P.s. to include a clause in the laws of the Constitution giving women equal rights with men and equal educational facilities.

The Directors of the Canton Municipal Council recently issued an order for widening the Tungchun Road to 150 feet. All the bridges on the Bund are to be destroyed to form a level roadway. In rebuilding the shops recently destroyed by fire the owners have been ordered to follow the instructions given by the Municipal Council for leaving a margin for widening the streets.

The Canton Military Government on hearing that Cheong King-yew, the Hunan Tsuchin, has closed all the schools in Hunan owing to the students' agitation, has telegraphed to the Peking Government asking for the Tsuchin's dismissal. The Education Association in Canton held a special meeting on January 11 to discuss the appointment of the new principals of the Government Law School, the Normal School for girls and the First Primary School. The students of these institutions are now on strike in sympathy with the principals who have been dismissed. The teachers of these schools are also contemplating protesting against the action of the Civil Governor in the matter.

SPECIAL CABLES.

WEISS MURDER MYSTERY.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, January 14. A charge of murder has been preferred against a coolie in connection with the Weiss affair. A material witness is also detained in custody at the Mixed Court. The mystery promises to be soon cleared up.

THE SHANGHAI AGITATION.

TROUBLE POSTPONED.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 14. The storm in connection with the shopkeepers' trouble has practically blown over. A strike is unlikely. The Chinese agitators are much chastened following the Council's firm attitude. The Chinese Chamber of Commerce is entirely satisfied with the Council's promise to submit the question of a Chinese advisory committee to the next ratepayers' meeting. On Tuesday eighty shops paid their rates.

SHANGHAI POLICE SCANDAL.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 14. Constable Allen of the Municipal Police Force will be tried on January 26 by a jury, in connection with the recent opium raid in conjunction with Chinese.

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(By arrangement with Wah Tsz Yat Po.)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 13. On the ratification of the German peace treaty Japan will bring out the Shantung case for settlement. Kan Wan Pang telegraphed Tong Shiu Yi in his private capacity requesting him to bring the early settlement of the disputes existing between the North and South in order to save the country.

The Peking Government is taking defensive steps against Bolshevistic invasion. The total receipts for the salt and customs revenue during the 8th year of the Republic are estimated at \$90,000,000.

The Minister of Finance proposes to raise taxes on luxuries on similar lines to the taxing of tobaccos and wine.

The Shantung Tsuchin reports that an extraordinary movement of the Japanese troops is being noticed at Tsingtao.

The Hunan Tsuchin in reply to the Governments' enquiry into the importation of opium, says that the opium there was for military hospital use.

It is proposed to hold a national exhibition at Peking for the purpose of encouraging industry.

The Cabinet telegraphed to the Canton Authorities asking for joint action to suppress Bolshevistic propaganda.

COTTON AND YARN.

Messrs. Polishwalla and Korwall, Cotton and Yarn Brokers, report on January 12 as follows:

Since our last report on the 16th ult. by Sir "Dilwara" various unforeseen events have occurred which have tended to weaken our yarn market, which has remained very dull during this interval at a decline of \$4/8 per bale with small transactions amounting to 3,000 bales.

The main factors, which have caused this unfavourable condition, are the heavy fluctuations in exchange on India and the eagerness of the Chinese dealers to secure advantage on the goods which they are now receiving as part of their forward purchases of cheaper rates, while recent large arrivals are also affecting our market.

At the close the tendency is weak. Since past few days, news have been received from Bombay by wire of the closing of all Spinning Mills owing to a big general strike of Mill Hands.

Total Sales 3,000 bales. Unsold Stocks 9,000 bales. Undeared 19,000 bales. Arrivals.—From Bombay to Hongkong 14,000.

Shanghai.—The market is reported very easy with a slight downward tendency.

Japanese Yarn.—The embargo on yarn export from Japan has not yet been raised, hence no business has passed in this yarn and latest quotations are as under:—

Bales Nagasaki No. 20s at \$348; bales 30s at \$323; bales 40s at \$323; bales 50s at \$344; bales 60s at \$344; bales 70s at \$344; bales 80s at \$344; bales 90s at \$344; bales 100s at \$344; bales 110s at \$344; bales 120s at \$344; bales 130s at \$344; bales 140s at \$344; bales 150s at \$344; bales 160s at \$344; bales 170s at \$344; bales 180s at \$344; bales 190s at \$344; bales 200s at \$344; bales 210s at \$344; bales 220s at \$344; bales 230s at \$344; bales 240s at \$344; bales 250s at \$344; bales 260s at \$344; bales 270s at \$344; bales 280s at \$344; bales 290s at \$344; bales 300s at \$344; bales 310s at \$344; bales 320s at \$344; bales 330s at \$344; bales 340s at \$344; bales 350s at \$344; bales 360s at \$344; bales 370s at \$344; bales 380s at \$344; bales 390s at \$344; bales 400s at \$344; bales 410s at \$344; bales 420s at \$344; bales 430s at \$344; bales 440s at \$344; bales 450s at \$344; bales 460s at \$344; bales 470s at \$344; bales 480s at \$344; bales 490s at \$344; 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ENGAGEMENT.

NG-WONG.—The engagement of Mr. Sydney S. H. Ng, son of Mrs. Ng Quinn, 5, Arbutnot Road, to Miss Winnie Wong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wong Shiu Ham, of Hongkong, took place on Tuesday, 13th January, 1920.

TRAINING TIMES.

The following times were recorded at Happy Valley this morning—
 Malcolm (O.P.), 34: 1.08; 1.42.
 Louza (S.), 36: 1.08; 1.38.
 Runaway Light (O.P.), 35: 1.10; 1.47; 2.20.
 Dunmore Dahlia (D.), 34: 1.09; 2.5; 1.44; 2.16.
 Primrose Dahlia (L.), 36: 1.12; 3.5; 1.47; 2.18.
 Mountain King (O.P.), last 4: 35: 1.5; 1.17; 1.48.
 Purdy Dahlia (O.P.), 35; 2.5; 1.10; 1.44; 2.17; 3.5.
 Alaska Chief (D.), 38: 1.14; 1.46.
 King Bruce (S.), 40; 3.5; 1.21; 2.40; 1.5; 3.12.
 Castlesand (O.P.), 32: 1.06; 3.5; 1.39; 3.5; 1.22; 2.5.
 Hongkong Chief (D.), 39: 1.17; 1.52; 2.5; 2.23; 4.5.
 Siamese Cat (O.P.), 42; 3.5; 1.21; 1.56; 3.5; 2.28.
 Sir Paul's Derby sub., 37: 1.10; 3.5; 1.42.
 King Cole (S.), 41; 3.5; 1.23; —; 2.34; 3.5.
 Sir Paul's white and dark Larsen subs., 34; 3.5; —; 1.40; 2.19; 2.21; 3.5.
 Sandy (O.P.), 41; 2.5; —; 1.56; 2.5; Farmer (D.) and Rearbe (O.P.), 39; 1.5; 1.17; 1.54; 1.5; 2.29; 2.59; 2.5.
 Rysa (S.) and Craigmount (S.), 41: 1.17; 1.51; 3.5.
 Dandy Child (D.), 42; 2.5; 1.23; 1.55; 3.5.
 Piledriver (D.), 39: 1.12; 1.50; 2.23; 2.53; 3.5.
 Honour (S.), 37: 1.17; 1.50; 2.29; 1.11; 2.5; 1.45; 2.19.
 Shamrock Dahlia (D.), 36; 3.5; 1.11; 2.5; 1.45; 2.19.
 Target (S.), Hawkes (S.) and Cigar-box (D.), 35: 1.10; 1.43; (Hawkes 1.44; 2.5).
 Mammy's Child (S.), 41: 1.18; 1.49; 4.5.
 Collinson (O.P.), 40: 1.15; 2.5; 1.50; 4.5; 2.31; 3.03; 2.5.
 Othello (S.) and Brutus (S.), 36; 2.5; 1.12; 1.49.
 Ludlow (S.), 36: 1.09; 2.5; 1.43.
 Surprise (S.), 41: 1.18; 1.49.
 Ironsides (D.), 35: 1.09; 1.5; 1.45; 2.17; 1.5.
 Attraction Dahlia (O.P.), 32: 1.02; 3.5.
 Algerian Chief (D.), 36: 1.12; 2.5; 1.47; 2.18; 2.5.
 Trumpet (S.), —; 1.13; 1.45; 2.5.
 Snuffbox (O.P.) and Scotchbox (O.P.), 38; 2.5; 1.15; 2.5; 1.49.
 Plain John (D.), 37; 2.5; 1.15; 1.51; 2.27; 2.59.
 Mighty King (O.P.) and Valley King (O.P.), 36: 1.13; 1.47; 3.5; 2.19; 3.5.
 Naughty Child (D.), 38; 3.5; 1.15; 1.50; 3.5; 2.33; 1.5.
 Shiny (S.), 39: 1.15; 1.51.
 Gandmarion (L.), 42: 1.23; 2.01; 2.35.
 Slam (O.P.) and Highside (D.), 39: 1.13; 3.5; 1.50; 3.5; 2.27; 2.58; 2.5.
 Tartar King (D.), 35; 2.5; 1.11; 2.5; 1.47; 4.5; 2.22; 1.5.
 Orion (S.), 37; 2.5; 1.12; 1.44; 4.5.
 Spoilt Child (D.), 39: 1.16; 1.48; 3.5.
 O.P. signifies Old Pony; D., Derby Griffin; S., Subscription Griffin; L., Larsen Griffin.
 The entries for the first three days of racing this year total 1,134, made up as follows: First day 373, second day 384, third day 377. Last year the entries were 1,020, those of the first day being 338, second day 341, third day 341.
 In connection with the "clocking" of the ponies the view has been expressed that the Jockey Club might provide some accommodation for the members of the Press who attend the morning gallops and for those who are holding the watches. Anyone who has had experience of timing the ponies knows how annoying it is to have a continual string of questions fired at them. If the Jockey Club could not give a little enclosed space it would be greatly appreciated.
 Meanwhile, may we ask the men who offend in this way so thoughtlessly to think a moment. "Don't speak to the man at the wheel." Don't interrupt a busy man with unnecessary talk.

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Former members of the Artillery Company, Engineer Company and Signalling Section who have not yet returned their Arms, Ammunition and Equipment to Store will do so on the following dates—
 Artillery Company, Jan. 15, 16 & 17.
 Engineer Company, January 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23.
 Former members of other units will return their Arms, Ammunition and Equipment to Store on the dates given in Hongkong Defence Corps Administrative Orders dated 31st December, 1919.
 G. E. STEWART, Captain, Adjutant, H.K. Defence Corps, Hongkong, January 1, 1920.

COMPANY MEETING.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LTD.

The thirty-first annual general meeting of the above Company was held in the offices of Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., today, at 11 a.m.
 The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., presided and there were present the Hon. Mr. J. Johnston, Mr. C. S. Gubbay and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar (Directors) and Mr. M. S. Northcote (Secretary) and Messrs F. Maitland, E. J. Chapman, E. M. Sidick, D. G. M. Bernard and L. S. Greenhill.
 The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the statement of accounts, together with the auditor's report for the year 1919 having been in your hands for some days I propose following the usual custom, to take them as read. It may be within the recollection of some of you here today that so far back as our annual meetings of 1915 and 1916 I mentioned when addressing you that we had had enquiries for a sale of our property but that at that time such offers were not considered sufficiently high to warrant consideration. During the year now under review, however, further offers for a sale were again put forward and we eventually received a firm offer of \$1,225,000.00 for the whole of the Property. This offer your Directors, after careful consideration deemed it well to accept, and the property had therefore been sold as stated in the report for this figure, giving a net profit on the sale of \$597,948.19. The Directors feel confident that they have the full approval of the shareholders in their action. Although the property has now been thus disposed of at a satisfactory figure, the Company still retains an interest therein and continues for the present to carry on mortgages thereon to the amount of \$538,300.00 having been granted in accordance with the sale contract to the various assignees at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum, for a period of two years, so that we shall be able, for the present, to continue to pay a fair dividend upon our capital. As a result of this sale you will see that it is now proposed in addition to a final dividend for the year of \$3.00 per share to distribute a portion of the profits to shareholders, by way of bonus to the amount of \$29.00 per share which will no doubt meet with your approval. I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented, and shall be glad if some shareholder will second the motion.
 Mr. F. Maitland—I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts and to thank the management for caring for our interests.
 The motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.
 Mr. E. J. Chapman proposed, and Mr. M. S. Northcote seconded, the confirmation of the appointment to the Board of Directors of the Hon. Mr. J. Johnston, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar and Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, and the motion was carried.
 Mr. D. G. M. Bernard proposed, and Mr. L. S. Greenhill seconded, the reelection to the Board of Directors of the Hon. Sir Paul Chater and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, and the motion was carried.
 Mr. C. S. Gubbay proposed, and Mr. E. M. Sidick seconded, the reappointment of Mr. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., as auditor for the ensuing year, at a remuneration of \$100, and the motion was carried.
 The Chairman then announced that dividend warrants would be ready to-morrow, and the meeting terminated.

A SHOPPING INCIDENT.

An Indian was this morning charged before Mr. N. L. Smith with the theft of a pair of boots from a shoemaker's shop. He said he went to the shop to buy a pair of boots in question. He asked the price and the complainant asked for \$3. He offered \$2 but the complainant swore at him and picking up one of the boots threw it at him. He retaliated by throwing the other boot at the complainant whereupon he blew a Police whistle and had witness arrested, alleging that he stole the boots. The complainant said the defendant went to the shop and asked to be shown some boots and after he had inspected several pairs, he grabbed the pair in question and bolted. Witness blew a Police whistle and the defendant was arrested in the street with the boots in his possession. His Worship fined the defendant \$25, or, in default, one month's hard labour.

PORNOGRAPHY.

When a Chinese was this morning charged before Mr. N. L. Smith with the unlawful possession of a quantity of indecent pictures, he said that he had just arrived from France where he purchased the pictures. He did not know that it was unlawful to carry them about in Hongkong. Inspector Davitt said that some of the pictures were of a very indecent nature. The defendant was actually seen trying to sell them when he was arrested. The Inspector further stated that there were thousands of these pictures in Hongkong, and it was very difficult for the Police to get hold of the men trafficking in them. A fine of \$25 was imposed.

ORDER OF ST. JOHN

H.M. the King has been pleased to approve of the following appointments to "The Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England."
 Honorary Serving Sister—Mrs. A. Hickling, M.B.E.
 Honorary Serving Brother—Dr. W. V. M. Koch.
 Dr. Koch and Mrs. Hickling rendered valuable service to the St. John Ambulance Brigade a branch of which was established in the Colony during the War, and which is still working steadily, although the No. 1 Division (of European Ladies) has practically ceased to exist.

The Order had its origin in Jerusalem and Acre, in the eleventh century, as an international lay confraternity for the relief of Crusaders, and was later sovereign in Rhodes and in Malta, where from 1530 till 1798 its Knights kept galleys and ralleons, to attack the Barbary Corsairs and to prevent the spread of Turkish rule in the Mediterranean.

The energies of the British Order are now devoted to hospital work, and are well known.
 The King is the Sovereign Head and Patron of the Order, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught is Grand Prior.
 The Grades of the Order are Knights of Justice (and Ladies of Grace); Esquires; Honorary Serving Brothers (and Honorary Serving Sisters); Honorary Associates; Donats.
 The insignia worn by Honorary Serving Brothers and Sisters is a circular medallion consisting of the Maltese Cross in white enamel, embellished in silver on a black ground, the whole mounted in silver, and suspended by a black watered ribbon.
 There is general satisfaction that the services of Mrs. Hickling and Dr. Koch have been so suitably recognized.

SEAMEN'S WAGES.

The *China Mail* learns that Mr. N. L. Watson has been nominated to represent the Officers' and Engineers' Guilds on the forthcoming arbitration board, in place of Mr. E. A. M. Williams whom the Shipowners' Protection Association rejected. Mr. Watson has been approved by the latter and has consented to act subject to the approval of his Directors in London.
 Information has also been received that Commander Beckwith, R.N., was nominated by the Shipowners' Protection Association to represent the Guilds. Information as to further nominations has not, so far, come to hand.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDREDTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Hotel Mansions, on TUESDAY, the 10th FEBRUARY, 1920, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from January 27th to February 10, 1920, both days inclusive.
 By Order of the Board of Directors,
 JOHN ARNOLD, Secretary.
 Hongkong, January 14, 1920.

NOTICE.

WE ACCEPT TENDERS UNTIL THE 31st INSTANT FOR THE DEMOLITION AND PURCHASE OF MATERIALS OF

THE VICTORIA THEATRE

Apply to—
 Messrs. R. RAMOS & CO.,
 No. 36, Ice House Street, Ground Floor.

Hongkong, January 13, 1920.

HONGKONG - SINGAPORE

THE S.S. "PROMINENT" will sail about 23rd January for SINGAPORE.

For Freight, passage and further particulars

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TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG.

A CONGREGATION of the UNIVERSITY of Hongkong, will be held in the GREAT HALL on FRIDAY, January 16th, at 5 p.m. at which The Chancellor of the University, His Excellency The Governor of the Colony, will confer Degrees.

Admission will be by ticket only.

N. T. MACKINTOSH,
 Registrar.

Hongkong, January 13, 1920.

THE "SHELL" TRANSPORT & TRADING CO., LTD.

ACCORDING to telegraphic advices received from LONDON, The "SHELL" Transport & Trading Co., Ltd., have declared an interim dividend of 2½ per share on account of the year 1919, on the ordinary shares of the Company, free of Income Tax. It is payable on the 31st January, against Coupon No. 33.

Hongkong, January 13, 1920.

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, Limited, on THURSDAY, 29th January, 1920, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 19th to THURSDAY, 29th January 1920, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
 THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE LIMITED.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE, Secretary.

The General Managers,
 Hongkong, January 13, 1920.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the NINETEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, Limited, on THURSDAY, 29th January, 1920, at 11.45 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 19th to THURSDAY, 29th January 1920, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
 MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 13, 1920.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, Limited, on THURSDAY, 29th January, 1920, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 19th to THURSDAY, 29th January 1920, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
 MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 13, 1920.

AMERICAN ASIATIC S.S. CO.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From NEW YORK.

"THE ARABIAN PRINCE."

Having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

Consignees of cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports & Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be countersigned.

All rotten, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

All claims must be presented within FIFTEEN DAYS of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th inst., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, January 13, 1920.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction.

(For Account of the Concerned),

ON

FRIDAY,

January 16, 1920, at 10.30 a.m.

at their Sales Rooms, No. 3, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

A small consignment of Cigarettes, Tobacco, &c., as follows.

Gold Flake.

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The above will be sold in small lots to suit buyers.

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Auctioneers.

(For Account of the Concerned),

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January 16, 1920 at

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3 " Caps,

3 " Hair tonic,

3 " Eau-de-Cologne,

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HUGHES & HOUGH,

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Hongkong, January 14, 1920.

TUESDAY,

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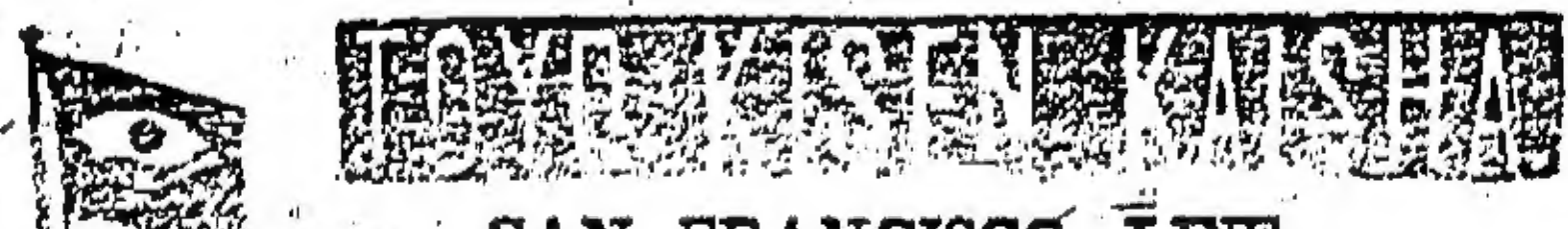
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LURE OF THE AUCTION.

BIDDING AS THE LATEST CRIES.

[By ROY DEVEREUX.]

Whether auction bridge, which has
entirely superseded the primitive form
of that ubiquitous game, is respon-
sible for the growth of the auction
habit I am not prepared to say. But
no one who makes a practice of ob-
serving the foibles of humanity will
deny that it exists.The best place to study this new
vice—if it be a vice—is in the sale
rooms where antique and second-hand
furniture, bibelots and jewels are dis-
posed of by auction on almost every
day of the week. The scarcity and
the enhanced price of new furniture
produced by the war have enormously
increased the facilities offered to the
public for buying things which either
are, or pretend to be, old.Both the people who want to sell
their furniture and the auctioneer who
sells it are having the time of their
lives, for the sale rooms are crowded
to suffocation with buyers so eager to
buy that it is quite usual to see im-
moderate deals which mask themselves as
Chippendale and Sheraton fetch-
ing prices which in the same days of the
past would have been considered high
for the genuine article.

BIDDING FOR SPORT.

Who are these indiscriminating pur-
chasers? Many of them are dealers
intent on replenishing their stocks; a
few are collectors who have always
haunted auctions in the hope of pick-
ing up a real antique for a song; a
few more are young home builders
who, having with infinite difficulty
secured an empty house, are now pur-
suing the elusive table and chair.But besides these recognisable cat-
egories of buyers there is another class,
new to the dusty atmosphere of the
sale rooms. They are people—chiefly
women—who have nothing to sell,
and whose houses are already over-
stocked with furniture and ornaments.
They are there because to attend auc-
tion sales has become for them a kind
of sport.They will wait for hours in acute
discomfort for the excitement of bid-
ding against other fanciers for some
object whose possession they covet,
even if they do not know where to
find a place for it among their crowd-
ed larders and pantries. Sometimes a
duel between two bidders tempts the
auctioneer to put in a bid for an
article she has no use for whatever,
and which she re-sells privately be-
fore the sale is over to a dealer who
sees an opportunity to make a profit
over the defeated competitors.

FASCINATED FREQUENTERS.

To the frequenters of sale rooms
buying by auction becomes almost as
much an art as selling is to the auc-
tioneer. They can tell you the char-
acter of each place, the style of the
goods you are likely to find there, the
prices they usually fetch, and whether
the people who buy them are genuine
bidders or mere dilettantes like them-
selves.They will explain to you the game
of "bidding-up," whereby the price
of a lot may be enhanced, or the dark
mysteries of a "knock-out," which is
the contrary operation. But because
human beings are rarely able to
analyse their own weaknesses, they
will not be able to convince you that
to wait for hours in a stuffy crowd
packed like sardines for a chance of
buying an object you can well do
without is a form of amusement so
fascinating that it is worth the time
and inconvenience it costs.Nor by the same token can a drunk-
ard convince a person who does not
like alcohol why he finds it irresist-
ible. I am inclined to think, how-
ever, that the charm of the sale rooms
appeals especially to those in whom
the instincts of acquisition and com-
petition are strong. They hanker
after possessions, and more particu-
larly after those which other people
want too. And the uncertainty as to
whether they are going to get those
things or not supplies the excitement
which is half the charm of the auc-
tion habit.But is not this, after all, the
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